AMENDMENT NO. 3214

Mr. DOMENICI. There is an amendment at the desk to the bill. I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Mexico [Mr. Domen-ICI], for Mr. MURKOWSKI, proposes an amendment numbered 3214.

The amendment is as follows:

In lieu of the language proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. 1. MAINTENANCE OF WILD HORSES IN CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE.

Section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Cape Lookout National Seashore in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes", approved March 10, 1996 (Public Law 89-366; 16 U.S.C. 459g-4), is amended by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 5.", and by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b)(1) The Secretary, in accordance with this subsection, shall allow a herd of 100 free roaming horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore (hereinafter referred to as the 'seashore'): Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the Secretary from implementing or enforcing the provisions of paragraph (3).

"(2) Within 180 days after enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the Foundation for Shackleford Horses (a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of North Carolina), or another qualified nonprofit entity, to provide for management of free roaming horses in the seashore. The agreement shall-

(A) provide for cost-effective management of the horses while ensuring that natural resources within the seashore are not adversely impacted; and

"(B) allow the authorized entity to adopt any of those horses that the Secretary removes from the seashore.

'(3) The Secretary shall not remove, assist in, or permit the removal of any free roaming horses from Federal lands within the boundaries of the seashore-

'(A) unless the entity with whom the Secretary has entered into the agreement under paragraph (2), following notice and a 90-day response period, fails to meet the terms and conditions of the agreement; or

"(B) unless the number of free roaming horses on Federal lands within Cape Lookout National Seashore exceeds 110; or

"(C) except in the case of an emergency, or to protect public health and safety.

'(4) The Secretary shall annually monitor, assess, and make available to the public findings regarding the population, structure. and health of the free roaming horses in the national seashore.

"(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the Secretary to replace horses or otherwise increase the number of horses within the boundaries of the seashore where the herd numbers fall below 100 as a result of natural causes, including, but not limited to, disease or natural disasters.

"(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as creating liability for the United States for any damages caused by the free roaming horses to property located inside or outside the boundaries of the seashore.'

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the amendment be agreed to, the committee amendment as amended be agreed to, the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements re-

lating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3214) was agreed

The committee amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill was considered read a third time and passed as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 765) entitled "An Act to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore.". do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF WILD HORSES IN LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEA-SHORE.

Section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Cape Lookout National Seashore in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes", approved March 10, 1966 (Public Law 89-366; 16 U.S.C. 459g-4), is amended by inserting "(a)" after "Sec. 5.", and by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b)(1) The Secretary, in accordance with this subsection, shall allow a herd of 100 free roaming horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore (hereinafter referred to as the 'Seashore'): Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the Secretary from implementing or enforcing the provisions of paragraph(3).

"(2) Within 180 days after enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the Foundation for Shackleford Horses (a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of North Carolina), or another qualified nonprofit entity, to provide for management of free roaming horses in the seashore. The agreement shall-

"(A) provide for cost-effective management of the horses while ensuring that natural resources within the seashore are not adversely impacted;

"(R) allow the authorized entity to adopt any of those horses that the Secretary removes from the seashore.

'(3) The Secretary shall not remove, assist in. or permit the removal of any free roaming horses from Federal lands within the boundaries of the seashore_

"(A) unless the entity with whom the Secretary has entered into the agreement under paragraph (2), following notice and a 90-day response period, fails to meet the terms and conditions of the agreement: or

'(B) unless the number of free roaming horses on Federal lands within Cape Lookout National Seashore exceeds 110; or

"(C) except in the case of an emergency, or to protect public health and safety.

'(4) The Secretary shall annually monitor, assess, and make available to the public findings regarding the population, structure, and health of the free roaming horses in the national sea-

"(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the Secretary to replace horses or otherwise increase the number of horses within the boundaries of the seashore where the herd numbers fall below 100 as a result of natural causes, including, but not limited to, disease or natural disasters.

"(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as creating liability for the United States for any damages caused by the free roaming horses to property located inside or outside the boundaries of the seashore.".

THE CALENDAR

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of the following bills: Calendar No. 443, S. 638; Calendar No. 349, S. 1069; Calendar No. 350. S. 1132: Calendar No. 444. S. 1043: Calendar No. 467, S. 1418; Calendar No. 454, S. 1510; Calendar No. 406, S. 1683; Calendar No. 464, S. 1695; Calendar No. 448, S. 1807; Calendar No. 450, H.R. 434; Calendar No. 445. H.R. 1439: Calendar No. 398, H.R. 1460, Calendar No. 446, H.R. 1779; Calendar No. 451, H.R. 2165; Calendar No. 452, H.R. 2217 and Calendar No. 453, H.R. 2841.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to; that the bills be read a third time and passed, as amended, if amended; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the bills appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT COMPLE-TION ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 638) to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the Monument, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that— (1) the Act entitled "An Act to designate the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument in the State of Washington, and for other purposes", approved August 26, 1982 (96 Stat. 301; 16 U.S.C. 431 note), required the United States to acquire all land and interests in land in the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument;

(2) the Act directed the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire the surface interests and the mineral and geothermal interests by separate exchanges and expressed the sense of Congress that the exchanges be completed by November 24, 1982, and August 26, 1983, respectively; and

(3) the surface interests exchange was consummated timely, but the exchange of all mineral and geothermal interests has not yet been completed a decade and a half after the Act's enactment

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide for the expeditious completion of the previously mandated Federal acquisition of private mineral and geothermal interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF MINERAL RIGHTS WITH-IN THE NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONU-MENT.

Section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to designate the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument in the State of Washington, and for other purposes", approved August 26, 1982 (96 Stat. 302; 16 U.S.C. 431 note), is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "and except that the Secretary may acquire mineral and geothermal interests only by exchange. It is the